

# HOUSE BILL No. 1471

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 14-19-1-1.5.

**Synopsis:** Statewide trail policy. Requires the division of outdoor recreation of the department of natural resources to develop a statewide recreational trail policy to address the following issues as they relate to recreational trails: (1) Clear statement of ownership and management of each trail. (2) Right-of-way inconsistencies. (3) Fence line issues. (4) Drainage issues, including tile drains. (5) Tree and brush control. (6) Weed and mowing issues. (7) Law enforcement jurisdiction issues. (8) Signage issues. (9) Conflict resolution procedures. (10) Appeal procedures.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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## Friend, Eberhart

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January 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. IC 14-19-1-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2015]: **Sec. 1.5. (a) Before October 1, 2015, the department shall,**  
4 **through the division of outdoor recreation, develop a statewide**  
5 **recreational trail policy and amend the policy as necessary or**  
6 **advisable thereafter. The policy must address at least the following**  
7 **issues:**  
8           **(1) Clear statement of ownership and management of each**  
9           **trail.**  
10           **(2) Right-of-way inconsistencies.**  
11           **(3) The division of responsibility for maintenance of fences,**  
12           **for drainage, and for maintenance of drainage or drain tiles.**  
13           **(4) Tree, weed, and brush removal between responsible**  
14           **parties and landowners adjacent to recreational trails.**  
15           **(5) Mowing responsibility.**



- 1           **(6) Law enforcement jurisdiction.**
- 2           **(7) Signage.**
- 3           **(8) Conflict resolution procedures.**
- 4           **(9) Appeal procedures.**
- 5           **(b) In developing the recreational trail policy described in**
- 6           **subsection (a), the division shall consult with various groups,**
- 7           **organizations, and agencies that will be impacted by the policy.**
- 8           **(c) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
- 9           **implement this section.**

